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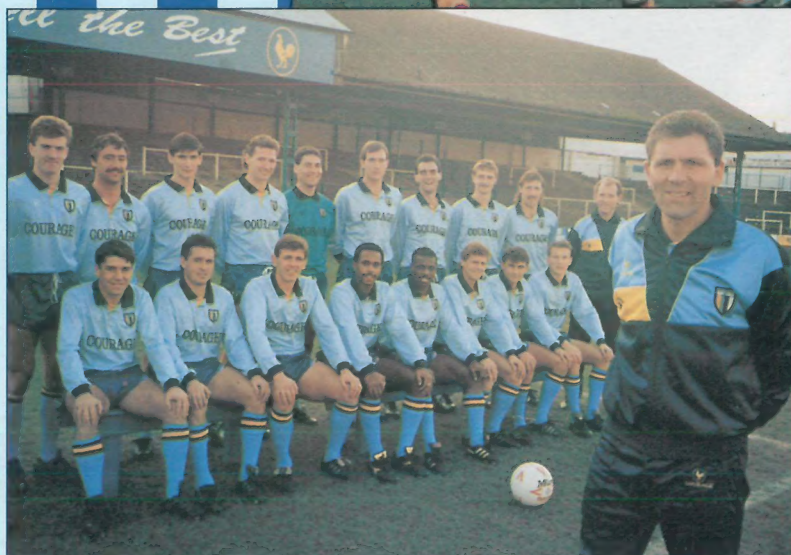


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The win at table-topping Bristol City last week has to go down as the best League result since I arrived here at Elm Park. We were excellent in every department and to be honest City rarely looked like winning the game.

It was particularly satisfying after the appalling display against Swansea which left us tearing our hair out. We toyed with the idea of shaking things up after that but we just got down to some more hard work and it certainly paid dividends at Ashton Gate.

Perhaps the best thing to come out of the game though was the fact that the three points lifted us well up the table. There is still not a big enough gap between us and the bottom places, but the mere fact of being half-way is good for morale and confidence.

Now it is important that we maintain that level of performance and make no slips in our next two games both of which are at home against sides chasing promotion.

Today Phil Neal's Bolton side are the visitors. We have not met this season so far, but they have turned in some excellent performances and are regarded as one of the toughest teams in the Division to beat.

Your support at Bristol last week was superb in appalling weather. Keep up the good work off the pitch and we will try to do it on the field.



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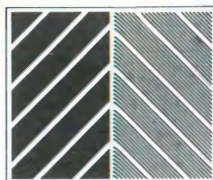
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below the fracture site with bandages, scarves, ties, belts, ladies tights or other items of clothing. The two main bones in the lower leg, the tibia or shin bone, and the fibula, the shin bone running down the outside of the leg, are regularly injured in football. If the tibia is broken there is no way the player would continue to play because that is a weight bearing bone. If the fibula is broken then some players have been known to play on, the reason is that the fibula is non-weight bearing and is there for muscle and ligament attachment. Uncomplicated fractures recover well after varying periods of rest and good rehabilitation and are by far not the most serious injury a player could receive.

Trevor Senior's injury at Bristol City last week was unusual to say the least. He received a blow to the throat just below his "Adams apple". When I reached him on the field he was gasping for breath and could hardly speak (some would say two rareties in Trevor's case). I had to calm him down because he was very angry and make sure of a clear airway. After a short while he recovered somewhat and wanted to continue but it was obvious he was struggling so he was brought off. That's when the problems arose. On reaching the medial rooms and much warmer air Trevor, who also had a slight cold, became distressed and had to be given oxygen. Thankfully after a few days resting and recovering in hospital he will be alright. We thank the Bristol City medical staff and the Bristol General Hospital for their help with aftercare.

F.S.A. MEETING

A Football Supporters' Association meeting will be held at the Royals Rendezvous/Supporters' Club, Tilehurst Road, Reading (upstairs function room) on Thursday, 15th March 1990 at 8.00pm.

All Royals supporters are welcome.

For club information call: 'ROYALINE' on 0898 700 277

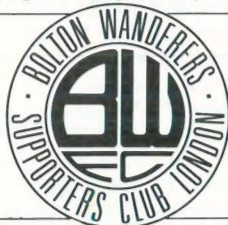
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BOLTON WANDERERS

VISITORS

RECORD-BREAKING BOLTON are on their way back.

The Trotters, a First Division side ten years ago, slid right down to the Fourth by 1987. But in the last two years they've won promotion and a Cup at Wembley, and now they're in the hunt for a return to the Second.

Phil Neal's side set a club record run of League games without defeat in September. Carrying on from a successful end to last season, they began well and their win over Bristol Rovers became their 20th unbeaten game on the trot — beating their previous best of 50 years before. That milestone achieved, they promptly lost their next game at Rotherham United.

For good measure Wanderers broke their record unbeaten run at Burnden Park — their Leyland Daf Cup win over Crewe Alexandra in November being their 28th consecutive home game without defeat. This bettered a 67-year record. Again, with their names safely inscribed on the club roll of honour, the Trotters lost concentration and crashed 3-0 to Northampton Town four days later.

Manager Neal made two astute summer signings — strikers Tony Philliskirk, a bargain £50,000 from Preston North End, and £80,000 David Reeves from Sheffield Wednesday. Both players are among the Third Division's leading scorers, with Philliskirk approaching 20 and Reeves serving up more doubles than Denis Thatcher's butler.

They're ably assisted by locally-born Julian Darby, who had nine goals to his credit before last Saturday.

Wanderers have meanwhile offloaded three formerly prolific strikers — John Thomas, Jeff Chandler and Trevor Morgan — to West Brom, Cardiff and Colchester respectively. Their combined transfer fees brought in £48,000.

Phil Neal won the Third Division Manager of the Month award for October. The former Liverpool and England right-back has been Wanderers' boss since late 1985, also playing a number of games for them. Bolton is his first job in management.

Wanderers won the Sherpa Van Trophy last year. They beat Fourth Division Torquay United 4-1 at Wembley, the goals coming from Darby, Chandler, former Royals loan player Dean Crombie and Morgan. They were beaten finalists in the same competition three years earlier.

This term they made a strong bid to retain the trophy, now renamed the Leyland Daf Cup. They reached the northern semi-final, beating Crewe, Lincoln City and Rotherham en route, but went out at Tranmere Rovers last week. Despite leading through Philliskirk's 17th goal of the season they lost 2-1.

Bolton staged a Royals-style marathon in the Littlewoods Cup, playing eight games only to go out in round three! A thumping 5-2 win over Rochdale was followed by their shock defeat of Watford — 2-1 at Burnden and 1-1 in the return. Then came an epic 450-minute clash with Swindon Town — in the form of a 3-3 thriller at the County Ground, two 1-1s at home and finally a 2-1 defeat.

Wanderers' FA Cup campaign was painfully short — a 2-1 first round defeat at rivals Blackpool in a replay of the 1953 "Matthews Cup Final". They are themselves four-times FA Cup winners, three times in the 1920's and again in 1958.

Attendances this term are up at Burnden Park, with the 14,000 crowd for the Swindon replay being the biggest in six years.

Reading and Bolton were due to meet at Burnden Park in January, but the clash was shelved with Royals on FA Cup duty against Sunderland.

Both of last season's encounters finished 1-1. Thomas gave Trotters the lead at Elm Park, Billy Whitehurst replying with a 35-yard scorcher in his final game for us. In the return a goal from Martin Hicks was cancelled out by Gary Henshaw.



BOLTON WANDERERS F.C. 1989/90 *Back row, (left to right):* Dean Crombie, Mark Came, Dave Felgate, Kevin Rose, Gareth Gray, Mark Winstanley, Barry Cowdrill. *Middle row:* Steve Carroll (youth coach), Gary Brown, Phil Brown, Julian Darby, David Reeves, Tony Philliskirk, Steve Thompson, Stuart Storer, Gary Henshaw, Mike Jeffrey, Ewan Simpson (physio). *Front row:* Ian Stevens, Neil Fisher, Paul Hughes, Nicky Brookman, Mick Brown (first team coach), Phil Neal (manager), Dave Roberts, Jeff Chandler, Robbie Savage, Paddy Spooner.

DAVE FELGATE (goalkeeper): Born Blaenau Ffestiniog. Began his career at Burnden Park as an apprentice but made his League bow on loan with Rochdale. He was later sold to Lincoln City without making a League appearance for Bolton and after making 198 appearances for the Sincil Bank club moved to Grimsby Town. He returned to Bolton in February 1987, after a loan spell the previous term, and has been an everpresent since then and now has over 400 League appearances to his name.

KEVIN ROSE (goalkeeper): Born Evesham. Signed for Wanderers in a £20,000 deal during the close season from Hereford United. Began his career with Ledbury Town before joining Lincoln in a £10,000 transfer but returned without making a League appearance. After moving to Hereford he became a regular for five seasons, making over 250 consecutive League appearances, before losing his place last season to Tony Elliott.

PHIL BROWN (full-back): Born South Shields. Signed for Bolton in a £17,000 transfer from Halifax Town during June 1988, and was the only outfield player to have an everpresent record last term. Commenced his League career with Hartlepool where he made over 200 League appearances before completing 135 games for Halifax. He was appointed club captain early last season — taking over from the injured Mark Came.

PAUL HUGHES (full-back): Born Manchester. Last season was a virtual write off for the home grown 21-year-old who suffered with injury throughout. A former captain of the Wanderers successful youth team, he progressed to make his League debut in December 1987 against Stockport County and went on to make 11 appearances in the Fourth Division promotion winning team.

BARRY COWDRILL (full-back): Born Birmingham. Made over 100 League appearances in an eight-year spell at West Bromwich who secured his services from Sutton Coldfield Town. Joined Bolton in July 1988 and made 38 League appearances last term. He can also play on the left side of midfield — a position where he began his career.

DEAN CROMBIE (full-back/defender): Born Lincoln. An experienced player who forced his way back into the first team last February which coincided with Wanderers' twenty game unbeaten run. Scored his first goal for the club in the Sherpa Van Trophy Final at Wembley. Previous clubs include Lincoln and Grimsby before signing for Bolton in June 1987. He clocked up his 400th League appearance last term. Played a handful of games for Royals while on loan four years ago.

MARK WINSTANLEY (defender): Born St. Helens. Came through the clubs youth ranks to make his League debut in March 1986. He became a regular in the run in to promotion from the Fourth Division in 1988 and missed only two League games last season. His consistent performances led to him collecting the clubs Player of the Year award.

MARK CAME (defender): Born Exeter. Came to Burnden from non-league Winsford United in 1984 and quickly forced his way into the League side. He has since made almost 150 League appearances but missed practically all of last season when he suffered a broken leg in a Littlewoods Cup tie at Chester City.

JULIAN DARBY (midfield/defender): Born Bolton. Signed for the Wanderers straight from school and is currently the only Bolton-born player

in the first team squad. He made his debut in March 1986 and has since proved his versatility with consistent performances in both midfield and defensive departments. Missed only two League games last term and scored the Wanderers opening goal against Torquay United at Wembley.

ROBBIE SAVAGE (full-back/midfield): Born Liverpool. Started his career at Anfield but failed to make a first team appearance in six seasons. He first appeared in the Football League on loan to Wrexham and was subsequently transferred to Stoke City. Later played for Bournemouth and Bradford City before joining the Wanderers in September 1987 for £35,000, and has since made over 75 League appearances for the club.

GARY HENSHAW (midfield): Born Leeds. Commencing his third season with the Wanderers after signing from his only other League club Grimsby Town. He made 50 appearances for them but spent most of last season on the transfer list at his own request.

STUART STORER (midfield): Born Harborough. Joined the Wanderers in January 1988 for £25,000 from Everton after a loan spell with the club. Began his career with Mansfield Town, then moved to Birmingham City before going to Goodison Park in a part exchange deal. Whilst on Merseyside he also had a loan spell at Wigan Athletic. 23 League appearances for the Wanderers last term 13 of which were as substitute.

STEVE THOMPSON (midfield): Born Oldham. The club's longest serving professional who progressed through the youth ranks to make his League debut in November 1982. Has since made almost 250 League appearances in three divisions for the club and missed only three games last term.

NICKY BROOKMAN (midfield): Born Manchester. Came to Burnden as a youth player after spells with Newport County, Aston Villa and Wrexham. Made his League debut in April 1987 and has since made over 50 appearances for the club.

IAN STEVENS (forward): Born Malta. Made his League debut for Preston North End in March 1985 and later appeared for Stockport County. After some impressive Central League performances he signed for Bolton in 1987 and made 21 League appearances last term scoring five times. He was top scorer for the reserves with 20 goals coming in only 18 appearances.

MIKE JEFFREY (forward): Born Liverpool. Some promising displays in the reserves prompted the Wanderers to sign the 18-year-old striker on professional forms whilst still on YTS at the club. He made his League debut in March 1989 and promises to be an exciting prospect.

TONY PHILLISKIRK (forward): Born Sunderland. Began his career with Sheffield United where he netted 20 League goals in 80 League games. After a loan spell at Rotherham, he moved to Oldham in July 1988, but started in only three games for them. Preston paid £50,000 to secure his services and he netted 6 times in 13 appearances last term. Joined the Wanderers in the close season for a similar fee.

DAVID REEVES (forward): Born Hestwall. Joined Sheffield Wednesday in 1986, but made his League debut out on loan to Scunthorpe United in December that year. Joined Burnley on loan in November 1987, scoring against Bolton on his debut, going on to net 8 goals in 16 games. Made 17 First Division appearances for Wednesday last term, 9 as substitute, scoring twice. Joined the Wanderers in July.



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All those interested should contact Graham Hall, Community Development Officer at the Club or speak to him at a home game where he can be found in and around the Family Enclosure.

Don't forget the meeting on 17th March, 2.15pm in the Family Enclosure for all Safe Members, where you can put forward all your own ideas.

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Wed. 30	Ipswich Town	3.00	A ... L 3-4
SEPTEMBER			
Sat. 2	Luton Town	2.00	A ... L 0-2
Mon. 11	Brighton & Hove Albion	2.00	H ... L 1-3
Wed. 13	Wimbledon	2.00	H ... D 1-1
Wed. 20	Oxford United	7.30	A ... L 1-4
OCTOBER			
Wed. 4	Southampton	2.00	H ... D 1-1
Wed. 11	Crystal Palace	2.00	H ... L 0-3
Sat. 14	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	A ... L 0-6
Wed. 18	Charlton Athletic	2.00	A ... L 0-2
Wed. 25	Chelsea	2.00	H ... D 2-2
Sat. 28	Southampton	3.00	A ... W 3-2
NOVEMBER			
Wed. 8	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	H ... D 2-2
Tue. 14	Arsenal	3.00	A ... L 1-2
Wed. 29	Crystal Palace	2.00	A ... L 0-5
DECEMBER			
Tue. 5	Ipswich Town	2.00	H ... W 2-0
Fri. 8	Norwich City	7.30	A ... L 0-4
Sat. 16	Millwall	2.00	H ... L 2-3
Wed. 27	Chelsea	2.00	A ... L 2-4
JANUARY			
Wed. 3	Buckingham Town (B/B Cup)	7.30	A ... L 0-2
Wed. 10	Queens Park Rangers	2.00	H ... W 4-2
Tue. 16	Swindon Town	2.00	A ... W 4-2
Mon. 22	Fulham	2.00	H ... D 3-3
FEBRUARY			
Fri. 9	Norwich City	2.00	H ... W 2-1
Tue. 13	West Ham United	2.00	H ... W 2-0
Sat. 17	West Ham United	2.00	A ... L 1-4
Tue. 20	Wimbledon	3.00	A ... L 1-5
Wed. 28	Oxford United	2.00	H ...
MARCH			
Mon. 5	Millwall	2.00	A ...
Mon. 12	Portsmouth	2.00	H ...
Mon. 19	Watford	2.00	H ...
Sat. 24	Watford	3.00	A ...
Wed. 28	Swindon Town	2.00	H ...
APRIL			
Tue. 3	Queens Park Rangers	2.00	A ...
Wed. 11	Luton Town	2.00	H ...
Wed. 18	Charlton Athletic	2.00	H ...
MAY			
Tue. 1	Portsmouth	7.00	A ...

● To be arranged: Fulham (A), Brighton & Hove Albion (A).
B/B Cup - Berks & Bucks Senior Cup

Reading Res 2, West Ham Res 0

Royals produced one of their best Combination displays for years to overcome a West Ham side with a host of big names.

Scottish international striker Frank McAvennie made his comeback from injury in the match and the Hammers also included Trevor Morley, Jimmy Quinn and Colin Foster in their line-up.

However Royals were always the better side and stretched their unbeaten run to five games. They never looked back from the 15 minute mark when George Friel beat Foster and ran clear to score from the edge of the box with a rasping drive.

Naseem Bashir made sure the Royals went in at half-time 2-0 up with an even better goal, a crisp strike from 20 yards.

Manager Stewart Henderson said: "It was an excellent performance. We showed bags of confidence and a high skill level."

Reading Res: Burns, D. Henderson, Stevens, Bashir, Wood, Williams, Saunders, Leworthy, Friel, Lovell, Payne. Subs: Rogers, Brown.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION TWO 1989/90

AUGUST			
Sat. 19	Swindon Town	A	D 1-1
Sat. 26	Brentford	H	L 0-2
SEPTEMBER			
Sat. 2	Luton Town	H	L 0-1
Tues. 5	Birmingham City (SJFC1)	A	L 0-1
Sat. 9	Luton Town (League Cup 1)	A	D 2-2
Sat. 16	Luton Town (League Cup 1 Replay)	A	L 2-3
Sat. 23	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	L 0-2
Sat. 30	Oxford United	A	L 1-2
OCTOBER			
Sat. 7	Bristol Rovers	H	W 3-1
Sat. 14	Northampton Town	A	L 1-2
Sat. 21	Bristol City	H	W 1-0
Sat. 28	AFC Bournemouth	A	D 0-0
NOVEMBER			
Sat. 4	Southampton	H	W 1-0
Sat. 11	Wimbledon	H	W 4-1
Sat. 18	Aldershot	H	W 3-1
Sat. 25	Tottenham Hotspur	A	W 4-1
Mon. 27	Queens Park Rangers (FAYC)	A	L 1-3
DECEMBER			
Sat. 9	Colchester United	A	L 0-1
Sat. 16	Bristol City	A	L 0-2
JANUARY			
Sat. 6	Swindon Town	H	W 2-0
Sat. 13	Brentford	A	L 1-2
Sat. 20	Luton Town	A	D 1-1
Sat. 27	Brighton & Hove Albion	H	W 5-0
FEBRUARY			
Sat. 10	Oxford United	H	W 2-1
Sat. 17	AFC Bournemouth	H	L 0-2
Sat. 24	Colchester United	H	W 4-2
MARCH			
Sat. 3	Aldershot	A	
Sat. 10	Crystal Palace	H	
Sat. 17	Bristol Rovers	A	
Sat. 24	Wimbledon	A	
Sat. 31	Tottenham Hotspur	H	
APRIL			
Sat. 7	Southampton	A	

● To be arranged: Crystal Palace (A), Northampton Town (H).
SJFC - Southern Junior Floodlit Cup, FAYC - FA Youth Cup

WEAKENED ROYALS OUTGUNNED

Reading Youth 0, Bournemouth Youth 2

With a first team and reserve team fixture being played on the same day youth team boss Bobby Williams was forced to field his most inexperienced side of the season against a strong Bournemouth outfit.

The youngsters never let the team down but the south coast men's superior strength and experience put them on top throughout.

Royals fell behind midway through the first-half and never looked like saving a point once the visitors extended their lead on 65 minutes.

Bobby Williams said: "To their credit they kept going throughout but at the end of the day Bournemouth were much stronger."

Reading Youth: Honey, Silvey, Schoenberger, Giometti (sub Bass), Liney, Mallins, Jordan, Gardner (sub Barkus), Hughes, Lambert, Callaghan.

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Tranmere Rovers unveiled plans for a 22,000 all-seater stadium at their Prenton Park ground. The plans have been sent to the local council and the club say work will be carried out over the next four years if its given the go ahead. The club have been working on the plan for sometime and say it was in the pipeline before the Taylor report's recommendations.

Former Birmingham City skipper Ian Atkins has been appointed youth team coach at Beazer Homes League Premier Division side Moor Green.

Wimbledon have signed Chester's talented young striker Aidan Newhouse for £100,000. The former England Youth international burst on to the scene last season and has earned rave reviews. He is still only 17 and Dons boss Bobby Gould describes him as one for the future.

Fulham, who are chasing Mark Newson following his refusal of a move to Royals, have allowed Millwall defender Alan Dowson to return to the Den after a month's loan.

Preston North End have yet to appoint a new manager after the dismissal of John McGrath. His departure followed demonstrations at Deepdale by unhappy fans but the club said he had left with "any animosity" from either side. Les Chapman has taken temporary charge and took immediate action after the 6-0 thrashing by Royals with the capture of West Brom striker John Thomas.

Leyton Orient are among four League clubs checking out Crawley Town striker Tommy Warilow. The Beazer Homes Premier Division club say they'll be asking at least £50,000 for the ex-Torquay striker.

Mansfield Town's George Lowery has gone on the transfer list. The 28-year-old has been at Field Mill for seven years and he's joined on the list by David Hunt, Brian Cox and Mark Place.

Notts County midfielder David Kevan has joined Second Division Stoke City for £75,000. It follows a spell on loan with the relegation haunted side.

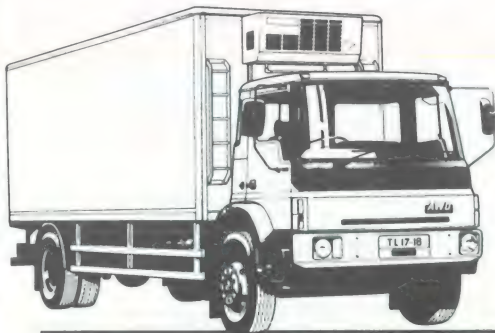
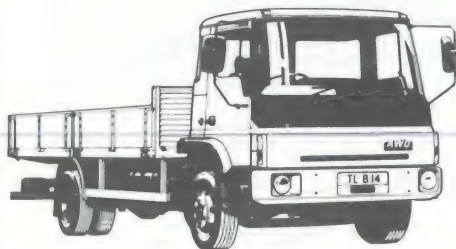
Walsall have allowed midfielder Steve Gritt to return to his old club, Charlton. The player never settled after joining the Saddlers in the summer.

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Brentford's Maltese international defender John Buttigieg has gone on the transfer list at his own request. He lost his place during the Bees climb up the table which has put them in with a chance of the play-offs.



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5 YEARS AGO . . .

A run of 14 goals in four successive League wins had Elm Park talking of a late promotion push when we met Lincoln City on 2nd March, 1985. The crowd was increased by a number of scouts who were here to have a look at 24-goal Trevor Senior, recently made available by the club at £200,000. Trevor didn't let them down, scoring from close range after David Crown's 21st minute shot had been blocked. Reading should have capitalised on this but overconfidence crept in and on the stroke of half-time the visitors star player, Gordon Hobson, put in a dangerous cross which cannoned off Martin Hicks into the net. We came close to scoring in the second half, but the best chance fell to Lincoln's Walker who managed to get the ball over the bar from two yards. The game ended at 1-1 so ending our run.

Mick Gooding was also featuring in a 1-1 draw, his penalty earning Rotherham a point at Derby. No luck for Bolton though, as they lost 3-1 at home to Lancashire rivals Burnley, with Warren Joyce getting their goal. Over 51,000 were at Old Trafford to see third-place Manchester United draw 1-1 with leaders Everton.

30 YEARS AGO . . .

5th March, 1960 was a big day in the career of our popular groundsman, Gordon Neate. On that day he opened his League goalscoring account with a goal taken "with nonchalant ease" according to the local press. The goal had two more reasons for being of importance. Firstly it was against our deadliest rivals, Swindon Town, and it also helped us to a 3-0 victory which was vital in our attempts to get clear of the Division Three relegation zone. The other goals came from Bobby Ayre who was at last finding his true form with the club. A crowd of 11,586 were at Elm Park to help the club's financial plight as well as providing valuable vocal support.

Bolton, having appointed Nat Lofthouse as their coach two days earlier, were getting a point from a 1-1 draw at West Brom in Division One, while League leaders Burnley were winning at home to Blackburn Rovers. In Division Three two clubs who have seen completely different fortunes in the subsequent years were meeting with Norwich City beating poor old Accrington Stanley 4-0.

60 YEARS AGO . . .

Reading made six changes in an attempt to end the run of four games without a win when we faced promotion chasing Chelsea at Elm Park on 1st March, 1930. The men who came in certainly justified their inclusion as first Frank McPherson gave us the lead then Bill Baggett won us a penalty, all within the first 14 minutes. Captain Alf Messer converted the penalty but Chelsea pulled a goal back to make it 2-1 at half-time. Just after the break the visitors looked certain to equalise when they were awarded a penalty but Lance Richardson, in for Joe Duckworth, saved the spot-kick. Just to vindicate the changes Baggett made the final score 3-1 to pull us above the Second Division relegation zone.

Happy memories for Bolton fans for on the same day they were beating Manchester United 4-1 in the First Division.

TODAY'S THE DAY — 3rd March through the years.

With three wins and a draw at Elm Park on 3rd March through the years we will be looking to extend our unbeaten run this afternoon. All of our games have been close on this day with only two of the nine we have played being settled by more than one goal.

Our last home game on 3rd March was 23 years ago when we beat Shrewsbury Town 2-0. George Harris scored the opening goal but the feature of the game was an exciting debut for a young Reading-born striker who capped his display with a stunning goal — his name? Roger Smees.

Another young player to score on this date 61 years ago today was Ronnie Dix who became the youngest ever scorer of a League goal. Aged just 15 years, 180 days Dix scored for Bristol Rovers against Norwich City and some 20 years later ended his career at Elm Park.

On 3rd March, 1934 an amazing 84,569 squeezed into Maine Road for Manchester City's 6th Round FA Cup tie against Stoke City. Not surprisingly this is the highest attendance for a ground in England, apart from Wembley.

ROYALS IN ACTION . . .

ROYALS 1, SWANSEA CITY 1



Steve MORAN gives Royals the lead from the penalty spot sending Swansea keeper Lee Bracey the wrong way. It was Steve's 10th goal of the season.



Pictures by: JOHN HAWKEN

- SUPPORTERS' CLUB NEWS -

Good afternoon and welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Bolton Wanderers for today's Third Division game.

Following on last year's mid-table position Bolton have featured prominently in the race for promotion. Instrumental in this has been their fine away record. So no doubt today we'll see a hard fought game. We've had some good results at home to the front runners in the Division and we're looking to catch them up, so cheer the team on to three points today.

AUTOGRAPHED FOOTBALL

Winner of the autographed football in the Supporters' Club raffle at the Preston game was Mr B. Franklin. His winning number was 13 and his birthday is also the 13th. So it proves that 13 is lucky for some!! Well done Mr Franklin.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB BADGE

Don't forget to enter the Supporters' Club competition to design a Supporters' Club badge.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and birthday wishes to Welsh Wizard Linden Jones on his 29th birthday on Monday, 5th March.

Congratulations also to all the players on the fine performance at Ashton Gate on Saturday. I saw the Chronicle was predicting that Trevor might get dropped for the Bristol game but I didn't think he'd get the "chop" that way. Hope you've recovered OK Trevor.

Good luck and best wishes to new Royals Rendezvous manager David Ollis on his appointment. Don't forget to support his efforts by popping in a bit more often and making the club the success it deserves to be.



- TODAY'S MATCH MASCOTS -

Today we have three mascots, 13-year-old **MARK WOOD** from Thatcham, (pictured left), is a pupil at Turnpike Comprehensive School, Newbury and he plays football for Thatcham Tornados U-13's. His favourite teams are the Royals, West Ham and Glasgow Rangers and his favourite player is Stuart Beavon. Mark is sponsored by British Telecom.

We also welcome two Bolton mascots, 15-year-old **MICHAEL LEASON** from Brinkworth near Swindon. He and his family are all loyal Bolton fans and he likes football, cricket and fishing. Our second mascot is nine-year-old **ANTHONY STONES**.

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— with ANNIE BASSETT —

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It is now essential that we make the Royals Rendezvous a real social centre for anyone connected with the football club. We will be trying to attract new members from the surrounding area with special leaflets and we also need some help from you supporters.

If you have any ideas about how we could make the club a bigger attraction then please contact me. People who have used the club for functions already have been delighted but there must be lots of people out there with ways of making the club a success. So if you have some good ideas on improving the Royals Rendezvous please write to me: Annie Bassett, General Manager, Reading Football Club, Norfolk Road, Reading, Berks RG3 2EF.

THE TAYLOR REPORT

There appears to be some confusion over what we will be required to do here at Elm Park following the publication of the Taylor Report.

Some national magazines have got the wrong end of the stick which I understand caused some disquiet among fans. I am always happy to meet supporters with genuine worries about how your club will be affected. Fans with such fears should not hesitate in arranging a meeting where we can discuss the situation. You know where I am.

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COLIN GOES OUT IN A BLAZE OF GLORY



Life-long Royals supporter Colin Drury and his family were guests of the Club to mark his retirement from the Fire Brigade after 28 years. Colin is pictured receiving a gift to mark his retirement from Reading midfielder Stuart Beavon. The trip to Elm Park to watch the Swansea match was arranged by his colleagues at Windsor Fire Station. Have a happy retirement Colin and we look forward to seeing you more at Elm Park.



Three pupils from East Hagbourne School, Didcot were guests of Reading FC and Barclays. The boys are pictured with Reading players Scott Taylor (left) and Mark Whitlock (right) with Stuart Forte from Barclays (centre).



The Golden Gate winner at our League fixture with Swansea City was Ken Starr from Southcote, Reading (membership no. 7767). He is seen receiving his £50 cheque from Reading player Scott Taylor (left).

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22	Bristol City (LC1)		3-2	6,318	—	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
25	Crewe Alexandra		1-1	3,311	14	Francis	Williams ¹	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
29	Bristol City (LC1/2)		2-2	4,459	—	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
Sept. 2	Tranmere Rovers		0-0	4,548	9	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
9	Notts County		0-0	4,697	12	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
16	Walsall		0-1	3,819	14	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
19	Newcastle United (LC2/1)		3-1	7,960	—	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
23	Swansea City		6-1	4,296	13	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
26	Chester City		0-1	4,296	13	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
30	Bristol Rovers		0-0	5,120	12	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
Oct. 4	Newcastle United (LC2/2)		0-0	15,220	—	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
14	Blackpool		0-0	3,321	10	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
16	Huddersfield Town		0-0	3,950	13	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
21	Fulham		3-2	4,743	10	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
27	Lynton Orient		1-0	4,280	12	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
38	Mansfield City		1-3	2,019	12	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
Nov. 4	Birmingham City		0-2	3,597	12	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
11	Bury		0-4	3,183	14	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
18	Bristol Rovers (FAC1)		1-1	6,115	—	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
25	Bristol City (FAC1-1R)		1-1	5,517	—	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
27	Bristol Rovers (FAC1-2R)		1-0	5,782	17	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
Dec. 2	Preston North End		0-1	5,067	14	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
9	Welling United (FAC2-1R)		0-0	4,998	—	Burns	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
13	Welling United (FAC2-1R)		1-2	3,444	—	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
17	Northampton Town		1-2	3,025	19	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
19	Welling United (FAC2-2R)		0-0	4,138	—	Burns	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
22	Welling United (FAC2-3R)		2-1	2,737	—	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
26	Barnford		0-0	5,886	15	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
30	Rotherham United		2-1	9,344	—	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
Jan. 6	Rotherham United		3-2	3,924	14	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
13	Crewe Alexandra		1-1	4,645	18	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
15	Bristol City (DAF-Qual)		1-1	1,784	—	Burns	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
17	Swansea City (DAF-Qual)		2-1	1,829	—	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
20	Shrewsbury Town		2-1	3,504	17	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
23	Barnford (DAF1)		3-2	3,928	—	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
27	Newcastle United (FAC4)		1-3	11,989	—	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
31	Newcastle United (FAC4-R)		1-4	26,233	—	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
Feb. 10	Walsall		1-1	3,506	19	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
12	Tranmere Rovers		1-3	5,264	19	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
17	Preston North End		6-0*	3,998	18	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
20	Swansea City		1-1	4,064	16	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir
24	Bristol City		1-0	10,616	13	Francis	Williams	Richardson	Bevon	Hicks ¹	Wood	James	Taylor ¹	Senior	Payne	Conroy	Bashir

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Barclays Football League Division 3

BRISTOL ROVERS

Tuesday, 6th March, 1990

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Monday, 12th March, 1990

Kick-off 2.00pm

1989-90

READING APPEARANCES

CAREER

Lge	FA	LC	DAF	Gls		Apps	Gls
26	10	4	3	2	..... Martin HICKS	511+1	24
22+1	10	4	2	4	..... Stuart BEAVON	430+17	48
26	9	4	3	—	..... Steve RICHARDSON	323+4	2
28	10	4	2	17	..... Trevor SENIOR	273	159
23+1	6	4	3	6	..... Michael GILKES	156+18	25
28	8	4	2	—	..... Steve FRANCIS	118	—
28	10	4	2	3	..... Linden JONES	108+4	10
12+1	10	—	2	2	..... Mick TAIT	108+1	10
10+2	5+2	—	3	10	..... Steve MORAN	70+21	22
12	4	2	—	1	..... Keith KNIGHT	47+5	8
10	8+2	—	3	—	..... Mark WHITLOCK	36+3	—
10+1	6	3	1	—	..... Lee PAYNE	34+1	3
20	5+1	4	—	1	..... Darren WOOD	29+1	1
9+7	4+2	1+1	2	2	..... Mike CONROY	26+15	6
3	—	—	—	—	..... Irvin GERNON	26+3	1
15+3	0+2	4	0+2	2	..... Scott TAYLOR	19+8	2
5	—	2	1	1	..... Adrian WILLIAMS	15+2	1
9	3	—	3	1	..... Mick GOODING	12	1
7+8	0+2	0+1	0+2	5	..... David LEWORTHY	7+11	5
3	—	—	—	—	..... Paul LEMON	3	—
—	2	—	1	—	..... Phil BURNS	2	—
1+2	—	0+1	—	1	..... Naseem BASHIR	1+3	1
1	—	—	—	—	..... George FRIEL	1	—

* Includes League, FA Cup and League Cup only.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION 3

	Home					Away						
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	Pts	
Bristol City	27	10	3	2	19	8	6	2	4	16	13	53
Notts County	29	10	3	2	22	11	5	5	4	20	20	53
Tranmere Rovers	30	10	3	2	39	16	5	3	7	18	18	51
Bristol Rovers	28	8	6	0	24	9	5	5	4	12	11	50
Bolton W.	28	8	4	2	20	13	5	6	3	24	17	49
Rotherham United	30	9	4	2	38	17	4	5	6	17	19	48
Huddersfield Town	28	9	3	2	20	11	4	6	4	18	20	48
Brentford	30	9	1	6	30	23	4	2	8	15	22	42
Bury	31	4	6	5	18	17	7	2	7	25	22	41
Chester City	32	8	5	3	22	16	1	7	8	8	22	39
Shrewsbury Town	29	6	6	2	24	15	3	4	8	14	22	37
Birmingham City	29	7	4	3	19	10	3	3	9	13	28	37
READING	28	6	6	2	22	14	2	6	6	14	21	36
Crewe A.	29	6	5	4	18	16	2	7	5	14	16	36
Wigan Athletic	29	7	5	3	19	12	1	7	6	10	22	36
Swansea City	30	7	5	3	19	19	2	4	9	11	24	36
Leyton Orient	30	7	3	4	19	13	3	2	11	18	29	35
Fulham	30	5	6	3	24	18	3	4	9	14	25	34
Mansfield Town	29	8	1	6	20	16	2	3	9	10	23	34
Northampton	26	5	3	5	15	15	3	5	5	18	22	32
Preston NE	30	7	4	5	28	22	2	1	11	13	35	32
Cardiff City	28	2	7	4	15	18	5	3	7	16	24	31
Blackpool	28	4	4	5	14	14	2	5	8	13	24	27
Walsall	28	2	5	7	11	20	3	5	6	12	20	25



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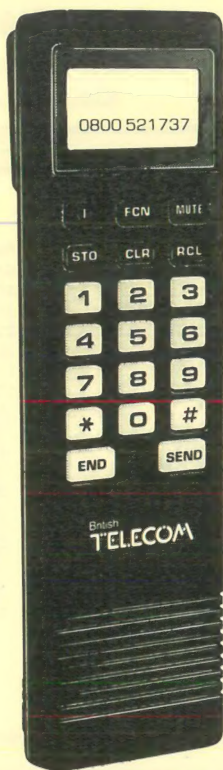
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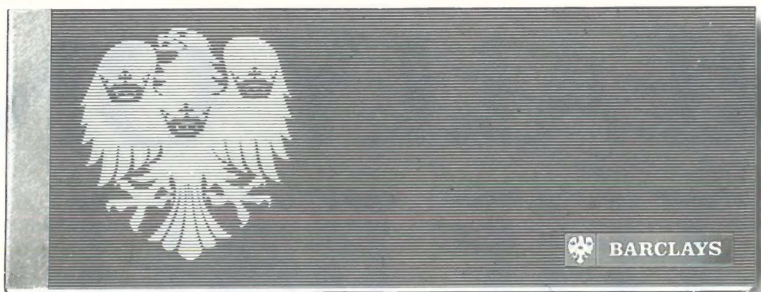


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